CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Tentacle Forest/The Cruelty of Severus Snape Part II
Other known title(s):	Tentacle Forest (chapters) /The Cruelty of Severus Snape Part II
OFLC ref:	1800581.007
Medium:	Text File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	16 April 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	16 April 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The text file contains two amateur stories. One details a plant performing sexual acts on two young girls, while the other details a teacher's cruel and coercive sexual abuse of a young female student. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes, the use of violence and coercion to compel a person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct and the infliction of extreme cruelty. It is intended to arouse those with these sexual interests. An objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as expressed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) be deemed objectionable. It also reflects the concerns of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.